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German 304
(also LS 322, FLLG 331)
German Culture 1900-present

- I. Objectives & Goals: This interdisciplinary course will attempt to gain an overview of the major cultural developments in Germany from 1900 to the present day. Students will become familiar with the chronology of historical developments, with major figures in the political and cultural spheres, and the major contributions Germans have made to world culture. The lecture format will include diverse audio-visual presentations.
- II. Expectations Students are expected to attend class regularly, to do the assigned reading, to take notes, to study their notes and the text conscientiously, and complete their research paper on time
- III. Paper: Since this is a writing course, a 5-6 page research paper will be required. This paper is due on Friday, April 26--no exceptions and no late papers. You can choose a topic, in consultation with the instructor, on some aspect of German culture. All papers must be typed--non-typed papers will not be accepted. Do not copy materials or ideas from other sources without giving credit--this is plagiarism and you will receive an F for the course.
- IV. Assessment: There will be a mid-term, a final and a research paper. Each will constitute approximately 1/3 of your grade. The exams will be objective in nature.
- V. Texts Germany: 2000 Years, Vols. II and III.
Recommended: Cambridge Illustrated History of Germany
- VI. Schedule:
- Part I Germany to 1945
Jan. 28 - Mar. 13 Reading--
Vol. II, pp. 602-740
Vol. III, pp. 1-66
Mid-term--March 15
- Part II Germany 1945-present
Mar. 25 - May 19
Reading--Vol. III, pp. 67-275
Research paper due April 26
Final Exam--Mon., May 13, 3:20 p.m.